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Dear Attorney General Coakley:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between Partners Health Care and the South Shore Hospital. It is my firm belief that this merger will improve patient access and enhance the level of care available to residents of the South Shore.

We are all very fortunate on the South Shore to have a community hospital that provides a wide spectrum of medical programs and an exceptional quality of care. However, as the South Shore region has grown, so has the demand for services.

A hospital with the capability of South Shore Hospital is an invaluable resource to Weymouth and the region. This merger will allow South Shore Hospital to continue to grow with the needs of the community. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Murphy". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being prominent.

James M. Murphy
State Representative
Weymouth-Hingham